

Crafting Beginning, Middle, and End

“These books have a strong story structure to teach beginning, middle, and end. The stories appeal to students in grades 3-5. I look for stories that can be easily plotted out on a graphic organizer to examine the structure of a story.” Jennifer Allen

The Summer My Father Was Ten, Pat Brisson	Going Home, Eve Bunting
The Stories Julian Tells, Ann Cameron	When the Bess Fly Home, Andrea Cheng
Only Opal, Barbara Cooney	Miss Rumphius, Barbara Cooney
Duck for President, Doreen Cronin	Diary of a Worm, Doreen Cronin
Uncle Willie and the Soup Kitchen, DyAnne DiSalvo-Ryan	The Spider and the Fly, Tony DiTerlizzi
Grandpa Never Lies, Ralph Fletcher	Flying Solo, Ralph Fletcher
How My Parents Learned to Eat, Ina Friedman	Wilfrid Gordon McDonald Partridge, Mem Fox
What Would Joey Do, Jack Gantos	The Man Who Walked Between the Towers, Mordicai Gerstein
Teammates, Peter Golenbock	Chester’s Way, Kevin Henkes
Hey, Little Ant, Phillip Hoose	Just Like Josh Gibson, Angela Johnson
Saturdays and Teacakes, Lester Laminack Albert, Donna Jo Napoli	Insects Are My Life, Megan McDonald Captain’s Castaway, Angeli, Perrow
The First Feud Between the Mountain and the Sea, Lynn Plourde	Rosebud and Red Flannel, Ethel Posnocki
Chicken Sunday, Patricia Polacco	Mrs. Katz and Tush, Patricia Polacco
The Giving Tree, Shel Silverstein	The Sweetest Fig, Chris Van Allsburg
The Widow’s Broom, Chris Van Allsburg	Just a Dream, Chris Van Allsburg